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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6282 NOTE PREPARED: Nov 16, 2005

BILL NUMBER: SB 167 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sex Offender Registry.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

X DEDICATED FEDERAL

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the sheriff's sex offender web site to permit a user to locate all sex offenders residing in a specific ZIP code or within a certain distance from an address specified by the user.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana Sheriff's Association (ISA) reports that it is currently working in conjunction with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and the Department of Correction (DOC) to combine the Sex Offender Registry and the Sex and Violent Offender Directory. The Sex and Violent Offender Directory is maintained by the ICJI. The ISA notified the ICJI on October 12, 2005, of its approval for moving forward with the process to combine the two lists. The ICJI reports that it will take approximately 90 days to complete the process. Thus, the combined list should be available by approximately February 1, 2006.

The ICJI reports that the new list will be searchable in multiple facets, including by ZIP code and from within a certain distance of a specified address. Money has already been identified to facilitate the combination of the lists; thus, no additional fiscal impact is anticipated.

Background Information: Currently, the ISA (Sex Offender Registry) and the ICJI (Sex and Violent Offender Directory) maintain separate sex offender lists. Both lists were statutorily created: the Registry in 2003, the Directory in 1994. The main difference between the two lists is that the Directory contains all people who <u>have</u> been required to register, while the Registry includes people <u>currently</u> required to register.

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Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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<u>State Agencies Affected:</u> Indiana Sheriff's Association; Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected:

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